

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 16, 1999  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 1999 at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in Los Angeles, California.

The Authority Members attendance was as follows:

Members Present:     Michael Tennenbaum, Chairman  
                             Edward Graveline, Vice Chairman  
                             Donna Lee Andrews  
                             Dr. Ernest Bates  
                             Jerry Epstein  
                             John Fowler  
                             William Leonard  
                             Jim Mills  
                             T. J Stapleton

**Approval of Minutes for May 19, 1999 Meeting.**

Vice Chairman Graveline presented the minutes for approval. Member Bates moved to approve the minutes. Member Fowler seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Chairman Tennenbaum and Member Mills were absent).

**Members Report**

Member Epstein reported on his meeting with Senator Murray, stating the Senator was interested in the impact that high-speed rail will have on his area. Member Andrews added that Senator Murray had authored some legislature involving high-speed rail.

Chairman Tennenbaum reported on his meeting with the all of the managers of the major airports in the state. He stated it was a very productive meeting and the general consensus of the attendees was that this is the missing element of the transportation picture in the State of California.

**Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director Morshed presented the summary of the public opinion survey from March of 1999. Vice-Chairman Graveline asked that in future public opinion polls a question be added regarding the removal of truck traffic from the freeway system.

Executive Director Morshed reported on various meetings he has had with Senator Feinstein, Senator Karnette and Senator Dunn regarding the high-speed rail project.

### **Authority Members Meetings for Compensation**

Vice Chairman Graveline presented the List of Meetings for Compensation for approval. Member Leonard that the report be amended to reflect the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Epstein moved to approve the amended list. Member Fowler seconded the motion, which carried 7-0 (Chairman Tennenbaum and Member Mills were absent).

### **Board of Advisor Appointments**

Executive Director Morshed presented the candidates for the Board of Advisors. He stated that the Authority currently does not have any criteria for the selection of the Board of Advisor appointments, one consideration to keep in mind when nominating an individual is whether the candidate has any advocacy or business before the Authority. . Member Fowler moved to approve the appointments. Member Epstein seconded the motion, which carried 7-0 (Chairman Tennenbaum and Member Mills were absent).

### **FRA Maglev Grant Application**

Executive Director Morshed proposed the following amendment to the resolution adopted at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

The Executive Director take the necessary action to select contractors to carry out the tasks specified in the FRA Maglev grant modified by the Authority, provided that all of the following condition are complied with:

- a. All contract shall be processed in compliance with state and federal regulations.
- b. In the case of the Request for proposal (RFP) SCAG sent out for this work, the Executive Director will seek a waiver of any contracting regulations pertaining to advertising and the acceptance of bid proposals. If the waiver is granted, the Executive Director will establish a five-person evaluation panel consisting of two staff members from the Authority, one person from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, one member from Caltrans and one staff member from SCAG. The evaluation panel is to review all proposals submitted to SCAG, conduct oral interviews as necessary, and make a recommendation to the Executive Director, to be submitted to the Board for its approval.

Member Leonard motioned to approve the amendment to the resolution adopted at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Stapleton seconded the motion, which carried 8-0 (Member Mills was absent).

### **Comprehensive Statewide Passenger Rail Plan**

Art Bauer, Arthur Bauer and Associates, Inc. and Norm Steinman, Katz, Okitsu & Associates presented the preliminary investment proposals for upgrading the service in the various corridors. Mr. Bauer's report and presentation is available upon request.

### **Commuter Ridership**

Kip Field, Parsons Brinkerhoff and Dan Brand, Charles River Associates, Inc. presented the forecasts for commute traffic for VHS/Maglev corridor alternatives in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and San Diego regions. Mr. Field and Mr. Brand's report is available upon request.

### **Selection of Recommended System for the Draft Business Plan**

Executive Director Morshed presented the recommended system for the draft business plan. The Staff recommendation is available upon request.

Member Epstein motioned that the Authority conduct a two day meeting, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in San Francisco to allow the Authority Members and the general public an opportunity to review the recommendation. Member Fowler moved to adopt the two-day meeting in July. Member Andrews seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

### **Public Comment**

The following public officials and general public spoke in support of a Palmdale alignment:

- Councilwoman Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles
- Mayor Ledford, Palmdale
- Councilman Henry Hearn, City of Lancaster
- Jack Driscoll, Los Angeles World Airports
- Gregg Anderson, Building Industry Association
- Don Maben, representing Kern County Supervisor Perez
- David Myers, City of Palmdale
- Henry Dorsett, Antelope Valley Transit Authority
- Sheldon Plotkin, Southern California Federation of Scientists

The following public official spoke in support of an Orange County alignment:

- Councilman Mike Ward, City of Irvine
- Jim Stewart, Southern California Council on Environment & Development.

The following public officials spoke in support of the Inland Corridor along the I15 Corridor alignment:

- Lori Holt Pfeiler, SANDAG
- Eric Haley, Executive Director RCTC
- Councilman Ron Roberts, City of Temecula

The following public official spoke in support of an Oakland being included on the VHS main line:

- Diane Tannenwald, City of Oakland

The following public official spoke in support of Fresno alignment and freight service on the line:

- Barbara Goodwin, Council of Fresno County Governments

The following public official spoke in support of a Pinoche alignment:

- Supervisor Judy Case, Fresno County

The following public official in support of the staff recommendation and the station stop in the Tulare County/Visalia area:

- Councilman Jim Harbottle, City of Visalia

The following public official spoke in opposition of an Orange County alignment:

- Scott Reekstin, City of Tustin

The following individual spoke on general HSR topics:

- Ellen Stern Harris, Fund for the Environment.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**